



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Initial Claims Statistics May 2006

Rhode Island workers filed a total of 4,845 initial claims for unemployment insurance benefits in May 2006, an increase of 443 (10.1%) from the 4,402 initial claims filed in May 2005.

Employees with an attachment to the Manufacturing (739) sector filed the greatest number of claims during the month followed by the employees of the Construction (516) and Retail Trade (480) sectors. Together these three sectors accounted for more than one-third of the initial claims filed this month. In comparison, slightly more than one-quarter (28%) of the state's workforce* is employed in the same three sectors. There were also a significant number of initial claims filed by individuals with an attachment to the Accommodation & Food Services (409), Health Care & Social Assistance (357) and the Administrative & Waste Services (354) sectors.

At the major occupational level, workers classified in Production (757) and Office & Administrative Support (735) occupations filed the most initial claims accounting for thirty-one percent of the monthly total. There were also a significant number of initial claims filed by individuals with an attachment to Management (394), Construction & Extraction (372), Transportation & Material Moving (356), Food Preparation & Serving Related (351), and Sales & Related (336) occupations.

Initial Claims by Industry Sector

Industry	Claims	Percent
Agriculture/Forestry	1	0.0%
Mining	6	0.1%
Utilities	1	0.0%
Construction	516	10.7%
Manufacturing	739	15.3%
Wholesale Trade	132	2.7%
Retail Trade	480	9.9%
Transportation & Warehousing	89	1.8%
Information	53	1.1%
Finance & Insurance	188	3.9%
Real Estate	93	1.9%
Professional & Tech. Services	157	3.2%
Management of Companies	15	0.3%
Administrative & Waste Services	354	7.3%
Educational Services	69	1.4%
Health Care & Social Assistance	357	7.4%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	58	1.2%
Accommodation & Food Services	409	8.4%
Other Services	133	2.7%
Public Administration	19	0.4%
Information Not Available	976	20.1%

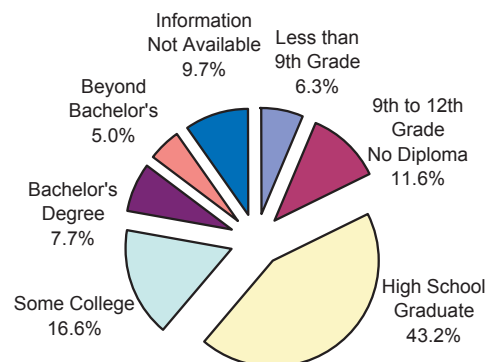
Initial Claims by Occupation

Occupation	Claims	Percent
Management	394	8.1%
Business & Financial Operations	166	3.4%
Computer & Mathematical	39	0.8%
Architecture & Engineering	40	0.8%
Life, Physical & Social Science	14	0.3%
Community & Social Services	42	0.9%
Legal	17	0.4%
Education, Training & Library	96	2.0%
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports & Media	82	1.7%
Healthcare Practitioner & Technical	71	1.5%
Healthcare Support	116	2.4%
Protective Service	44	0.9%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	351	7.2%
Building & Grounds Cleaning & Maintenance	39	0.8%
Personal Care & Service	71	1.5%
Sales & Related	336	6.9%
Office & Administrative Support	735	15.2%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	2	0.0%
Construction & Extraction	372	7.7%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	165	3.4%
Production	757	15.6%
Transportation & Material Moving	356	7.3%
Military Specific	16	0.3%
Information Not Available	524	10.8%

Men filed fifty-one percent of the May claims whereas women filed forty-nine percent. Carpenters, Construction Laborers and Heavy Truck & Tractor Trailer Drivers are the occupations most cited by these newly unemployed men. Hand Packers and Packagers, Assemblers and Fabricators (All Other), and Cashiers are the occupations most cited by the newly unemployed women.

Forty-three percent of the claimants filing initial claims this month reported a high school diploma as their highest level of educational attainment. Twenty-nine percent of the claimants reported having education beyond high school, with eight percent possessing a Bachelor's degree. Eighteen percent of the claimants filing did not have a high school diploma or GED.

Initial Claims by Educational Attainment



Data may not add up due to rounding variations.
* 2004 Annual Average Covered Employment.